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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1888.

Poets and Modern Idlers.

Mr. Sam Foss, one of the most prominent "Tom Hoods" in America, says in a recent issue of the *Yankee Blade*:

Homer was the great poet of his day,

because he wrote of matters that were

interesting to his contemporaries.

He described the single combats of war-

riors; he enlarged on the exciting de-

tails of chariot races; his poetry is full

of minute descriptions of armor, cloth-

ing, weapons, and all the warlike trimmings of his time.

He wrote of things that people were interested in.

His song was as full of current interest as

the current newspapers of to-day. The

same can be said of David, the great

poet of the Hebrew race. He wrote

of flocks and sheepards; of green pastures and still waters; he embodied in his

poetry the popular conception of the

theology of his time, and appealed di-

rectly to the sentiments of the people of

his generation.

All great poets have been honored by posterity who have been most in sympathy with their contemporaries.

But though Homer was a great poet

in his day he should be copied and imitated indefinitely. But

this is just what our poets are doing

to-day. They are far better Greeks

than Yankees. Fauns and driad

and Olympian gods and goddesses are their

political stock in trade.

This outworn Greek mythology, despite its

so many long generations of poets in

growing a frile tiresome. We long for

new poems and new poets.

— Among the new buildings promised

Lansing next season is an elegant brick

hotel, to be built by Hon. O. M. Barnes.

If Mr. Clemens votes on water-works

this spring, and the proposition is a rea-

sonable one, the city will go wet by a large

majority.

— Charles Greenleaf of Cambridge is re-

ported as having a cow that has given milk

daily for six years, and gives no indication

of quitting now.

John Kirkwood, of Wayne, recently

shipped some seventy head of hogs that

averaged over 400 pounds each and sold

for \$5.90 per 100.

— The next meeting of the Michigan

cider-makers will be held in Lansing, while

the Legislature is in session, for the pur-

pose of framing a cider-vinegar law.

— Drilling operations at the St. Ignace

Manufacturing Company's well have been

stopped for want of fuel. The work will

probably not be resumed before May.

— Walter H. Arnold, of Eaton Rapids,

aged forty-two, and an inmate of the Kal-

amazoo asylum, took advantage of his at-

tendant's short absence recently and hanged

himself.

— Clayton's W. B. C. is preparing a

a parasol drill. We presume it is neces-

sitated as a means of protection against the

"suns" of veterans, who are shiniug too

brilliantly in that section.

— An effort is being made, or is about to

be made, to organize a W. C. T. U. at

Belleville. Although a similar attempt

was made a year ago, and failed, it is

thought the present effort will prove suc-

cessful.

— The prison population of Jackson on

March 1 numbered 772. There were re-

ceived during February, 21; discharged,

by expiration of sentence, 17; by order of the

Supreme Court, 1; transferred to the Ionia

Asylum, 1; died, 1; leaving 772 in prison

on March 1.

— The Chicago Lumber Company has

bought of Meyew Bros., of Menominee,

5,000,000 to 6,000,000 feet of logs left over

in the Menominee and its tributaries from

last year's input. The sale amounted to a

money consideration of \$60,000. It is re-

ported that the Chicago Lumber Company has

this winter purchased logs to be cut at

Menominee to the amount of 25,000,000 feet.

That poets of the modern are appre-

ciated is evidenced by the popularity of

such writers as Will Carlton and

Bret Harte. "Oh," the shocked critic exclaims, "but Will Carlton and Bret Harte are not great poets." But seriously, scandalized critic, is not the great poet always the one who speaks the word the people wait to say with you always?"

— The Bay City Tribune says: "A gen-

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1883

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

If Cleveland signs the dependent pension bill, which is sure to pass both houses of Congress, it will be as bad a back-down as that concerning the rebel flags. It will mean, "I dare not antagonize the soldier vote."

In making Hon. Julius C. Burrows temporary Chairman of the House, Wednesday, the first time a republican has been called to the chair this session, Michigan and Mr. Burrows were highly complimented.—*State Republican*.

What can be the object of Mr. Mills in placing soap on the free list? To both the distinguished legislator and his fellow laborers in the democratic vineyard, it is a luxury—not considered a necessity.—*State Republican*.

Old soldiers, it seems, have no rights that democratic officials with "G. C." branded on the broadest part of their anatomy, are bound to respect, as over a half dozen of cripples have been made to walk the planks within the last week.

We think that the majority of the old soldiers themselves do not care particularly for a service pension law, but desire most earnestly a law which will take the broken-down and penniless ones among their brethren out of poor-houses and insure them modest but decent support.—*Blade*.

The New York *Press* has published the views of 230 manufacturers in New York state, who represent 35,145 persons employed by them. Of this number only 23 announced themselves as free traders, and they represent but 1,281 of the 35,145 hands employed.—*Blade*.

Any kind of club, no matter who it is named for or who its favorite candidate for president, that wakes up the republicans of any neighborhood in Michigan and prepares to whack the opposition, is a good club to have on hand. In fact, clubs are traps this year, and the party wants a full hand.—*State Republican*.

Southern children are assured by their school history that the Confederacy was victorious in the war of the rebellion. When a Southern lad, with that belief firmly anchored in his mind, comes north and is told by his friends that the democratic party saved the Union he is quite likely to trade the medal for a bow-legged dog on the ground that the contest for it between the prize dogs was a drawn fight.—*Philadelphia Press*.

The democratic election forgery both at Indianapolis and Columbus are ruffians as well as rascals. In both prosecutions assaults upon the prosecuting attorneys were made for telling the truth about them. This is not strange. Anybody capable of cheating at the polls is a thorough-paced scoundrel, who can easily earn a term in the state prison by the commission of almost any crime on the calendar.—*Detroit Tribune*.

The most salient feature of the debate on the dependent pension bill in the United States Senate was the development of the sneering, dislike held by certain southern senators for the Grand Army of the Republic. Those gentlemen should put the hats and antinomies of the war behind them, and recognize the fact that the men who saved the Union have a claim upon it, that honor, if nothing else, should compel them to meet it without objection.—*Blade*.

The liquor tax law, shorn of its unconstitutional provisions, is still a much better law than the old one. Now let us have it enforced. Will the officers do their duty without waiting for the people to get after them with sharp sticks? Will the people permit this law to be violated every day of the week without any effort to enforce it? Have saloon-keepers a better right to defy law than other men have?—*Detroit Tribune*.

The Secretary of the Interior claims that the consolidation of the land offices in Michigan and the order for the removal to Grayling was brought about by deliberate lying on the part of some of the democratic reformers of Michigan. It being represented that Grayling had direct connection with the western part of the state by rail. The consolidation has caused a rupture between Tim Tarsney, of Saginaw, and our Fisher. Tarsney says he does not know that Fisher lied intentionally, but intimates that nevertheless he did lie.—*Cheboygan Tribune*.

We don't believe the secretary has made any such assertion. The order was not made from a partisan standpoint, because it was for the best interest of the state, and was urged by republicans as well as democrats. The kickers are alone acting from selfish motives.

Now Court House. The committee on county buildings of Crawford county to whom was referred the matter of rearranging our county buildings would beg leave to enlighten the people of the county through your columns, in regard to what they recommend.

We are aware that a portion of the taxpayers of our county do not properly consider the matter in its true light. Therefore we have deemed it wise to show them that our intention is not only to bring the dignity of our county up, or nearly up to the standard of other counties in the way of public buildings, but to make our county buildings commodious and convenient for the business and interests of the people.

In the first place our jail is not what is required by law, either in safety or from a sanitary point of view. If we were required to imprison females at the same time we had made prisoners in the jail, we have no place for them. The law says there shall be a separate department for females.

The sanitary arrangements are extremely poor. The sheriff's family department is certainly very inconvenient, there being only one bedroom as it is now arranged, making it necessary to put up beds either in the sitting or dining room as the case may be.

The treasurer's office on the second floor is too small; the clerk's office is not commodious for his business, or, prosecuting attorney and sheriff are entirely inadequate, as they all occupy one small room, or are compelled to rustle around for space in some other office. The vault is already filled with public records, therefore more space is required in that department.

On the third floor, behold what a model of beauty, excellence and convenience. In the first place the court room is not large enough, and there is no jury room attached as there should be for the convenience of courts. The vault is not large enough, and worst of all, with high winds from either east or west, human life is in danger within its walls.

Having discussed the disadvantages of the old building as it now actually stands, we will proceed to show the advantages of the addition we recommend to attach to the old buildings, and without any extended remarks, it will readily be seen from the description of the rooms, here following from the first floor to, and including the third floor, that it is certainly for the best interests of our county to save to the people the money already in the old building, rather than to allow it to crumble away gradually, and perhaps be the means of destroying life. By adding this structure to the old one we obviate this last danger, and save to the people the investment already made.

The rooms on the first floor are described thus: the sheriff's residence will remain pretty much the same, except where the outside stairway is now, there will be two bedrooms with a half for private entrance between, and where the jail is now there will be one bedroom and two closets. The new addition will be 36x18 feet. The first floor will contain two offices, one 14x16 feet and the other 9x10 feet. The jail room 20x22 feet, with six cells in center; a prisoner's corridor three ft. wide around the outside of the cells, and a jailor's corridor 3½ feet in width, outside of the first corridor; a hall 48 feet long containing main stairway 6 feet wide and back stairway 3 feet wide.

The second floor will have a new addition 11x20 feet; clerk's and register's office to remain as they are; treasurer's office 13x18 feet; prosecuting attorney's office 13x13 feet; probate office under stairway 11x18 feet; female jail room 15x17 feet, with halls leading to the different departments.

The third floor 48x84 feet will be in one room designed for the court room, with a jury room 12x20 feet. Over main front entrance on second floor there will be a lobby, projecting out 4 feet from main wall line, and the same projection follows up to third floor, and also to the main roof where the roofs join each other. The partition between the old and new buildings will be taken out and the roof supported by an arch spring in 37 feet opening, thereby throwing the two rooms into one.

JOHN F. HUM,
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The democratic organs are already beginning to work the 201 puzzle which reappears every leap year. Out of a total of 491 electoral votes, and with 153 assured from the solid south, how to get 18 more to make 211, the number necessary to election. The favorite solution is to mark off New York, 36; Indiana, 15; New Jersey, 9; Connecticut, 6—making 63 to be added to the solid south. On this basis,

New Jersey and Connecticut could be spared, but it is impossible to suppose circumstances in which the democrats could lose them and carry New York—and New York cannot be spared. Indiana could be left out, too, if the three eastern states were sure. But none of the formulas for the democratic solution of the puzzle risk the omission of New York. Leave out the 36 votes of the Empire state, and the puzzle becomes as soluble, like the 13-14-15 blocks when certain displacements were made.—*Detroit News*.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Mar. 2, '88.
The last democratic combination is one that should interest every old soldier. It has been entered into by members of the House of Representatives for the purpose of preventing the Dependent Pension bill from being voted upon when it gets before that body. It is said here that Cleveland himself requested the formation of this combination in order to prevent his having to either veto or sign this bill just on the eve of a presidential election.

The tactics to be adopted in the House to accomplish the defeat of this bill will include filibustering of all sorts by the members of this cowardly combination. Cleveland talks to Grand Army men whom he meets as though he would sign this bill, should it pass while at the same time he is probably chuckling to himself to think that his friends will prevent a vote being taken on it. This is all the more cowardly from the fact that few democrats in the House with the exception of those from the south, will dare to record their votes against such a measure. The republicans of the House, however, although in the minority, will probably be able to defeat this well laid scheme to deprive the preservers of the Union of their well earned pensions.

Senator Paddock, of Nebraska, paid his respects to the inefficient mail service, on Tuesday. He denounced the management of the Post Office department for the last three years as a failure—probably a more conspicuous failure than any of the other shortcomings of the present administration.

The Senate has agreed to an amendment of the Dependent Pension bill, which makes it apply also to those who served with Mexico or (for thirty days) or in any of the Indian wars.

It seems that the sudden change of mind which came over certain members of the democratic committee in regard to pleasing Cleveland as to the time of holding the nominating convention, cost a goodly sum of hard cash, in addition to an almost unlimited number of promises of patronage. Rumor says that the amount paid was over \$20,000 and that it was all furnished by Mr. W. L. Scott, the millionaire congressman from Pennsylvania, and confidential friend of Cleveland.

The Oklahoma Territory bill, now pending before the House, is being antagonized by the friends of a substance which provides for negotiation with the Indians before taking possession of any part of their territory.

The president will get another chance to veto the bill, to quiet the title of settlers to the Des Moines river lands. The House committee on public lands have agreed to report the bill favorably and it is almost sure to pass.

Senator Sherman, from the committee on Foreign Relations, has reported to the Senate the bill to amend the acts relating to Chinese emigration. He proposes as soon as practicable to call it up for action in the Senate. The bill provides that the words "Chinese laborer" and "Chinese passenger" shall be held to include and to mean any person of the Chinese race without regard to the government to which the Chinese may owe allegiance, or to the port, place or country from which they come. Other sections of the bill relate to the return of Chinese laborers who have left this country and to the issuance of certificates to those leaving.

By request of the Home Market Club of Boston, Mr. Long, of Massachusetts, has introduced in the House a tariff bill which readjusts the duties and gives a bounty for the production of American beet and maple sugar, redges the tax on tobacco 50 per cent and removes the tax from distilled spirits drawn from bonded ware-houses, for use in the arts.

The republicans of Michigan were never more enthusiastic and earnest than they are to-day. They are ready to meet the enemy with all its free trade guns in full blaze just as soon as the enemy draws up in line. The republicans propose to make the democrats stick to their text and fight out the contest "on the lines laid down in the president's message." The republicans will carry the banner of protection through the entire engagement and plant it on a round republican majority next November. Michigan is not a free trade state. She will not vote to cripple her own industries, and will not even vote to put wool on the free list. She will drive free trade into its hole and cover the hole with a majority that cannot be lifted or removed.—*Detroit Tribune*.

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How Men Die. If we know all the methods of approach adopted by an enemy we are better enabled to ward off the danger and postpone the moment when surrender becomes inevitable. In many instances the inherent strength of the body suffices to enable it to impose the tendency toward death. Many however have lost these forces to such an extent that there is little or no help. In other cases a little aid to the weakened lungs will make all the difference between sudden death and many years of useful life. Under the first symptoms of a cough, cold or any trouble of the throat or lungs give that old and well-known remedy—Bosch's German Syrup, a careful trial. It will prove what thousands say of it to be the "benefactor of my home."

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It is evident the democrats of Virginia are alarmed and do not intend that the republicans shall carry that state if it can be prevented by fair or foul means. The committee on privileges and elections of the assembly reported Wednesday of last week the names of the city and county electoral boards, who are to control the machinery of elections in the state under the one-sided McCormick bill. They give the republicans no representation whatever, and even in counties giving 1,000 republican majority only democrats are put on the boards. The republicans protest, but to no effect. The chairman of the committee was seen and he declared that no republicans are wanted on the boards. At the last congressional election the republicans carried the state by a good majority on the vote for congressmen. This fact alarmed the democrats and the action of committee, as given above, show that they intend to have things arranged so as to make sure of the state being democratic. Where are the democrats who prate about favoring a fair ballot and free election? Not a democratic paper will have the manhood to denounce this outrage on the electors of the old dominion.—*Cheboygan Tribune*.

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The Avalanche

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LOCAL NEWS.

Salling, Hanson & Co's. Price List

(Corrected Weekly.)

Oranges No. 2 white, per bushel, 45 cts.
No. 1 Timothy, per ton, \$12.00 & \$15.00
Bacon, per ton, \$21.00.

May flour, roller patent, per barrel, \$6.00,
May flour, roller mills, per barrel, \$4.65.

Process flour, per barrel, \$4.25.

Excelsior flour, per barrel, \$4.75.

Extra mess beef, per barrel, \$9.00.

Mess pork, per barrel, \$6.25.

Robined lamb, per pound, 9 cts.

Ham, sugar cured, per pound, 14 cts.

Breakfast bacon, per pound, 13 cts.

Cheer park side, per pound, 9 cts.

Bacon, per pound, 10 cts.

Ham, bacon, butter, per pound, 6 cts.

Ham, bacon, butter, per pound, Dairy 25.

Fresh eggs, per dozen, 20 cts.

O. G. Java, ground per pound, 38 cts.

Medan ground, per pound, 38 cts.

B. C. & Co's. Mexican coffee, per lb., 25 cts.

B. C. & Co's. Aurora coffee, per lb., 28 cts.

Teas, green, per pound, 15 to 35 cts.

Sugar extra C. per pound, 7 cts.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 8 cts.

Sugar, cut loaf, per pound, 9 cts.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 9 cts.

Oil, waterwhite, per gallon, 15 cts.

Beans, hand picked, per bushel, \$3.85.

Poas, green, per bushel, \$2.00.

Syrup, sugar, per gallon, 6 cts.

N. O. molasses, per gallon, 60 cts.

Molasses, per gallon, 30 cts.

Messrs. Conner and Taylor have their new building nearly completed.

Try the Cerealine in your nice cakes. For sale by S. H. & Co's.

Fresh Butter, best in town, at the store of W. H. James.

A new stock of cotton warp at the Mammoth Store.

Monkey-wrenches, lower than ever at the store of W. H. James.

Silk Handkerchiefs in endless variety at the Pioneer Store.

A fine line of boys' and children's clothing at Fins. Prices away down.

A complete line of Gents' fine Scarfs at the store of S. H. & Co.

Desirable rooms on Michigan Ave. to rent, at AVALANCHE office.

Citron and Lemon peel at the Pioneer Store.

A number of good sleeping rooms to rent. Enquire at this office.

The finest thing in town at the Pioneer Store, ask for Cerealine.

To rent: The restaurant just vacated by L. E. Clement.

For your tinware go to the Mammoth Store.

A. H. Arnes, of Beaver Creek, was in town Tuesday, and made us a call.

Cerealine twenty cents a package at the store of S. H. & Co.

Chas. F. Kelley, of Frederic, was in town last Saturday.

Rubbers for Ladies', Misses', and children, at the Pioneer Store.

A good farm for rent or sale cheap.

A good frame house. Call and get a bargain. O. PALMER.

A full line of cook stoves at S. H. & Co's. Mammoth Store.

Clothes racks, new patent, and finest thing produced, at the store of W. H. James.

Have you tried the boneless beef at Salling, Hanson & Co's. store.

C. W. Wight, at the Meat Market keeps all kinds of cut meats and fish, for sale at low prices.

Table Sets and baby robes at the Mammoth Store.

Mrs. J. M. Finn has been quite sick for some time, but is now reported to be improving.

Fresh Oranges at the store of S. H. & Co.

Pay up your subscription to the Avalanche and get the American Farmer for one year.

Bibs for the babies at S. H. & Co's. Pioneer Store.

BORN—On the 12th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. John Pierson, two boys weighing 9 and 71 pounds. All doing finely.

Best cheese in town at the store of S. H. & Co.

O. Palmer is in attendance at the State Encampment G. A. R., at Lansing.

If you want a suit of clothes go to the pioneer store of S. H. & Co's.

A broken cross-head on the engine at the planing mill gave the boys a lay off for three or four days.

Heavy shirts at bargains every day at the Mammoth Store.

The new U. S. Land Office will be opened in Grayling ready for business on the 16th of April.—Ostego Co. Herald.

Have you seen the new Baking Powder at the store of S. H. & Co.

For fresh butter and eggs, gift edge, go to the Meat Market of C. W. Wight.

Kersey Pants at greatly reduced prices at S. H. & Co's. Mammoth Store.

For genuine Haddock, Haddock and all kinds of fresh fish, go to the Meat Market of C. W. Wight.

The young gentlemen of Grayling will give a return Leap Year party at the Opera House tomorrow evening. A fine time is anticipated.

One pound baking powder warrants equal to the best for twenty-five cents at the store of S. H. & Co.

Mrs. Wm. Woodworth entertained the young ladies of her little class last Monday at ten and through the evening.

If you want good sweet cider, go to the store of W. H. James. Only 25 cents per gallon.

If you want to be pleased, laugh and cry all in one evening, go to the entertainment at the Opera House next Thursday evening.

Now is your time to buy an Overcoat cheaper than the cheapest, at the Mammoth Store.

Do not fail to attend the exhibition-entertainment at the Opera House next Thursday evening. Admission 25 cents.

For a fine fruit dish and can baking powder, for twenty-five cents, go to the Pioneer Store.

Mrs. Mary Wilkinson, of Osborne, Kan., is the guest of her brother, W. H. James. They have not met before in fourteen years.

The finest stock of meat at the City Meat Market, of C. W. Wight, every day and Oysters and Chickens on Saturday.

Spin short yarns on your way home when you buy goods at Fins. If you don't, the gools will suffer setting out in the cold waiting for you.

Gaylor has organized a Business Men's Association and proposes to offer inducements to parties wishing to put in manufacturers here.—Otsego Co. Herald.

We want a good live correspondent in every township in the county. We will furnish correspondents with stationery and the AVALANCHE free.

Men's shoes, the best ever brought to Grayling, for the money, can be found at the shoe store of C. O. McCullough.

One of the furnaces at the school-house was completely clogged the first of the week, so it was impossible to heat the rooms, necessitating the dismissal of school Tuesday morning.

There is no reason why a man should not favor taking the tax off tobacco if he chews, so long as he chooses to go to the shoe store of C. O. McCullough for his Boots and Shoes.

Ed. Hempstead made a short visit to friends in the south on the state last week; Mr. Nutten engineered the delivery wagon in his absence.

J. M. Elm, having bought at great reduced prices, the stock of stoves, hardware, etc., lately owned by Mr. Stevens, will offer them at great bargains.

Mrs. C. W. Wight wishes us in her name to thank the citizens of Grayling for their liberal patronage at the social on the 5th inst., also those who did so much to make the supper a success.

A teamster named Collins had a leg broken by a log last Monday at Penoyer's camp. He was brought in and sent to Bay City, Tuesday, by Mr. Bourbons.

Rev. Phelps, who was to preach in the school-house at Mo on Sunday evening last, failed to make his appearance on account of bad roads.—Mail.

The Kingsley Independent has gone where the woodpole twain. Cause of decease, as claimed by editor C. E. Strunk, lack of support.—Otsego Co. Herald.

R. Hanson has been quite a fixture in Bay City of late, overseeing the shipment of an immense stock of lumber which his firm had manufactured in that city last season.

Daniel Mahoney, in jail on the charge of the murder of Albert Grund, was arraigned before Justice Taylor, and waived examination. He was remanded to jail to await trial at the May term of the Circuit Court.

The Kalkaska, of the 5th, claims that their thriving village has secured the Freeman Manufacturing Company. While we believe Grayling to have been the better place, we congratulate our neighbors for their success.

The U. S. Land Office will occupy the Opera House from April 16th, to such time as the new building on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Cedar Street, to be erected by R. Hanson, can be completed. It will be pushed with energy.

Every time the mouth opens his foot in it." See his attempted wit last week. But he is really improving and gets out a fairly good local paper, considering his surroundings, and when his superabundance of cheek wears off he will do better.

Look Here! I am not coping, but have been here all the time. I have secured a barter that comes highly recommended and I am now prepared to do all work in my line in first class style. So says E. F. Raymond.

The veteran editor of the Hubbard's Advertiser, who is a positive chap, says: "We have found that the longer we run a newspaper and write about people and events, the more we realize how utterly impossible it is to scratch every man on the spot where he itches the most."

C. M. W. Blakeslee came home last Friday, and was enjoyed by his family and friends till Tuesday morning. We trust he may decide to retain his home here, but fear his eyes have a long time to come toward some of the new towns in the Upper Peninsula.

Another warning to boys (and their parents) who play about the K. R. yards. Last Monday Harry Bell with others were fooling with the turntable and Harry got a foot caught in such a way that his boot was ruined and the foot badly bruised, barely escaping being literally crushed.

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The wooden ware factory which was coming here so fast has located at Manecola. What is the matter with our people?"—Grayling Avalanche.

Nice question to ask; better ask what's the matter with the Avalanche. The answer would be that the wooden ware people "knew what they wanted without" the Avalanche "doing any blowing, as that is what that paper said in regard to the experimental farm. Another answer would be that you worked as hard (?) for the factory as you did for increasing the appropriation for the farm. The appropriation was doubled after the News showed the professors' their duty, and if they continue to do what is best may never locate near a paper that is afraid to speak for the county's good, and finds it easier to steal items from its neighbors than pick them up or give the community credit.—*Red News*.

The News should show more courtesy and instead of charging us with theft, call it cablocking. "Rose by any name would smell as sweet." We are sorry that it is so badly affected, and that we were so mistaken in our diagnosis of its case. The symptoms at first resembled "Sour Grapes," but now we believe it to be an aggravated case of "Sour Mash."

Demorest's Magazine.

Information on any subject interesting to women. No woman can complain that it is impossible to gain information on any subject of which she wishes knowledge if she is a reader of Demorest's Monthly Magazine. We have come to this conclusion after

looking through the March number (just received) of this valuable publication, for not only does it contain matter interesting to every member of the family, but the publishers encourage women of all classes to write for any desired information, and the

"Correspondence Club" certainly shows that they take advantage of this opportunity. It must require great research to answer the numerous inquiries, and it is surprising what questions of general interest are asked.

Every woman should subscribe for this beautiful and comprehensive magazine—beautiful on account of its artistic merit, comprehensively because it covers every subject in which women are interested. Published by W. Jennings Demarest, 13 East 14th St., New York. Yearly, \$2; single copies, 20 cents.

Revival services are being held at the church this week. A good interest is manifested.

Presiding Elder Caster is expected to be present Thursday and Friday evenings. In view of the large number of Indian members of his district David Shappenagon will assign him Indian name Thursday evening, by which he will be known among them.

The Manitowoc salt and lumber company made an assignment Thursday for the benefit of its creditors; assets, \$180,000; liabilities \$864,000.

The liabilities are composed mostly of a floating indebtedness to banks. Two or three days ago the company paid off its men at Manitowoc in full.—*Bay City Tribune*.

The opposition to the consolidation of the Land Offices have one more chance to prevent it being done, and that is to prevail on the Senate to refuse to confirm the officers appointed. What the letter of the Chief Engineer of the F. & R. railroad failed to accomplish will hardly succeed in the U. S. Senate. "He was chief engineer of a Shoemaker's shop and his name was Dennis."

An exchange truthfully says that when a man comes into the office and plunks down the cash and says "Send me your paper for one year," that means business. When one says, "I want your paper but haven't got the money now," that's all right. When he takes it out of the postoffice for several months and sends it back "finsed" that's the meanness. When a man spends from ten cents to a dollar a week for cigars and beer and says he can't afford to take the home paper, that's a nosy thing. When a man borrows his neighbor's paper to read every week, that's check.

We clip the following items from the Otsego County Herald and the News:

Walter Watt went to Grayling Tuesday.

Prof. Kidd, of Frederic, was in town Tuesday.

C. T. Jerome assisted Walter Watt in taking stock at Frederic last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodfield and Mrs. Bay attended an entertainment at the AVALANCHE.

I HAVE FOR SALE one yoke of steers coming R. years old, partly broken, large and thrifty, color red and white. For further particulars, enquire of

I. M. SILSBY, Wellington P. O., Feb. 23, 1888.

I HAVE about 120 Pine Sap Buckets, iron bound, when I will sell cheap for cash.

Feb. 23, 1888.

FOR SALE.

